

S 2772

A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to modify provisions relating to the household water well system grant program.

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Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Apr 26, 2018)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Apr 26, 2018
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Apr 26, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 26, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5837	Related bill	Jun 22, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

Summary (as of Apr 26, 2018)

This bill amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to reauthorize and modify the Department of Agriculture (USDA) Household Water Well System Grant Program.

(Under current law, the program awards grants for private nonprofit organizations to provide loans to eligible individuals for the construction, refurbishing, and servicing of individual household water well systems that are or will be owned by the eligible individuals in rural areas.)

The bill modifies the program to:

- prohibit the household income of an eligible individual from exceeding 60% (currently 100%) of the median nonmetropolitan household income,
- require grant recipients to provide subgrants to eligible individuals instead of loans,
- authorize subgrants for household decentralized wastewater systems, and
- limit the amount of each subgrant provided to an individual to \$20,000 for each water well system or decentralized wastewater system.

In the event of well water contamination, USDA must allow a subgrant to be used to install water treatment measures as needed beyond the point of entry, with or without the installation of new well equipment.

Actions Timeline

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